GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VIGILANCE IN COASTAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has stepped up vigil in Pak Strait, Gulf of Mannar and the coastal areas in Tamil Nadu along the international border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect and to safeguard the lives of the fishermen and their families in the coastal region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) & (b): The coastal areas in Tamil Nadu as also the regions of Pak Strait and Gulf of Mannar are being closely guarded by the Indian Navy and Coast Guard with assistance from the State Coastal Police. On receiving inputs from various intelligence agencies, the Government of India keeps issuing directives to Coast Guard and State Government to step up the vigil in the region.

(c): The State Governments of Coastal States issue regular instructions to the fishermen not to go for deep sea fishing to avoid apprehension. Coast Guard and State Government are also given directions to provide all possible help to the fishermen in the event of any exigency.